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Mr. Hardesty is a member of the law firm of Stites & Harbison, PLLC and is located in the firm's Louisville office. He handles complex litigation for clients of the firm with a particular emphasis on representing clients in construction and business disputes. Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Mr. Hardesty served as Senior Attorney for Bellsouth Corporation where he handled litigation and regulatory matters. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Hardesty was a Field Artillery officer in the U.S. Army where he served in the Eighth Infantry Division in Germany and First Army Headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Mr. Hardesty received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1976 and received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1984.

Mr. Hardesty served on the Jefferson County Board of Education from 1990-2012 and was Chair of the Board in 1997, 1998 and 2004-2008. In 2008, he was named the Outstanding School Board Member for Kentucky by the Kentucky School Board Association. Mr. Hardesty now serves on the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation Board and is a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville.

During his free time, Joe enjoys spending time with his wife, Julie Hardesty, and their three children. He also enjoys traveling, water sports and outdoor activities.